

## Schedule for July 3 – July 9:

Ouabache State Park

4930 East State Road 201 \_ Bluffton, IN 46714 \_ 260-824-0926

Property Manager: Robert Greiner \_ Assistant Property Manager: Charlie Schantz

Interpretive Naturalist: Kate Curless

*All interpretive programs are family oriented. Parents and children are encouraged to attend events together. An adult should accompany all children under the age of 10. In case of rain, all hikes and events not meeting at a shelter will be held at the Campview Shelter.*

### Park Patch Program!!

11:00 am

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday- Sunday

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## Monday, July 3, 2006

### **12:00 Noon: Scavenger Hunt**

Meet at the Fire Tower and begin searching Ouabache State Park for items and pieces of information. Be the first to return to Campview Shelter with all the right answers at 6:45 pm and win a small prize! (Scavenger Hunts can also be picked up after 12:30 at the Main Gate and Park Office.) **HP-HP\***

### **7:30 pm: Talking Tracks**

All animals make 'em. Now find out what they mean! Meet at the Campview Shelter.

## Tuesday, July 4, 2006

**HAPPY 4<sup>th</sup> of July!!**

### **9:00 am: Bike Safety and Parade Prep**

Join us for a quick chat about bike safety and learn how to check your bike for hazards, then its time to DECORATE for the parade. Bring your own decorations or use some of ours. South Comfort Station (near Campground B)

### **10:00 am: Bike Parade**

Be prepared to cheer as the annual bike parade tours Campgrounds A and B. Which bike is your favorite? **HP-HP\***

### **Pool Breaks:**

Every Saturday and Sunday  
at 3:45 pm

Join us on the pool lawn at the break for games, crafts, and creatures. Just make sure you have your hand stamped so you can easily re-enter the pool! **Special Pool Break on July 4<sup>th</sup>!**

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**Wednesday, July 5, 2006**

No programs today.

**Thursday, July 6, 2006**

**9:30 am: From Pulp to Paper**

Let's talk trees and their many uses. After, we'll put trees to use making this tree product – Paper!  
Campview Shelter

**7:30 pm: FIRE!**

An Ouabache must do – Climb the fire tower. Meet at its base to learn more about our fire tower.

**Friday, July 7, 2006**

**9:30 am – Whooter Craft**

Meet at the Campview Shelter to prepare for this weekend by making your own owl whooter. Bring a pill bottle like headache relief comes in.

**7:30 pm – Roving Interpreter**

Got a question? Ask Naturalist Kate as she's out and about in the campgrounds. Look to see what she has with her tonight!

**Saturday, July 8, 2006**

**7:00 am – Early Bird Hike**

The early birder sees the bird! Meet at the Rustic Oak Shelter for a quick lesson on how to use binoculars. Then we'll set out for a stroll to see what birds we can find! **HP-HP\***

**8:30 pm: Whooooo are you?**

Bring your whooters to Trails End Shelter and learn about the Owls of Ouabache. With a little luck (and a lot of practice with the whooters) we might just see one!

**Sunday, July 9, 2006**

**8:00 am: Church Services**

Join us at the Campview Shelter to worship with a local minister in the beauty of nature.

Schedule for July 12 – July 16:

**Wednesday, July 12, 2006**

**9:30 am – Summer's Bummers**

Poison Ivy, Mosquitos, and Yellow Jackets can make your camping experience the pits. Learn more about these common summer pest and how to beat summer's bummers at the Campview Shelter.

**7:30 pm – Wild Weather**

Thunderstorms, summer heat, and flash floods – common news in Indiana. Meet at the Lakeside Shelter to learn more about the wild weather and how to stay safe while your camping or enjoying a day out at the park.

## **Thursday, July 13, 2006**

### **9:00 am – Flowers of the Forest**

Meet at the Lodge for a hike in the woods to look for some of the many flowers that dot the forest floor. Bring your bug spray and field guides if you have them.

### **7:30 pm – Animal Orphans**

Animal babies look cute and cuddly, but what should you do if one's lost mom? Come to the Campview shelter to find out!

## **Friday, July 14, 2006**

### ***Gone Buggy Weekend Begins***

### **7:00 pm– Insect ID**

Beetle or Mantid – What makes each insect unique? Come learn about the many differences between members of the insect world. A great way to start off this weekend of bugs.

### **8:30 pm – Buggy Bingo**

Put on your game faces – It's time for an American classic – BINGO! This fun version has a twist. Meet at the Campview shelter for fun and prizes!

### **Pool Breaks:**

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at 3:45 pm

## **Saturday, July 15, 2006**

### **9:30 am – Inspect an Insect**

Grab a magnifying glass and start looking. We'll create a Bug Journal and the record our findings at the Lakeside Shelter.

Join us on the pool lawn at the break for games, crafts, and creatures. Just make sure you have your hand stamped so you can easily re-enter the pool!

### **8:30 pm – Insects of Ouabache**

Insects make up a large part of the population here at the State Park. Come to the Campview shelter to learn about a few, then make a craft to take home.

## **Sunday, July 16, 2006**

### **8:00 am – Church Services**

Join us at the Campview Shelter for Sunday service in the beauty of nature.  
Schedule for July 18 – July 23:

### **Park Patch Program!!**

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## **Tuesday, July 18, 2006**

### **5:30 pm: Afternoon Bird Hike**

Join the Cardinal Bird Club of Bluffton and Naturalist Kate on an afternoon hike in search of the Birds of Ouabache. Birders of all experience levels are welcome! Meet at the Rustic Oak Shelter for an adventure in birding! Bring your bug juice, and binoculars and field guides if you have them! **HP-HP\***

### **7:00 pm: Brown Bag Dinner**

Appetites will be high after the bird hike. Bring your own picnic and join Naturalist Kate for dinner and table talk about birds and birding! Rustic Oak Shelter

## **Wednesday, July 19, 2006**

No programs today

**Pool Breaks:**  
Every Saturday and Sunday  
at 3:45 pm

## **Thursday, July 20, 2006**

### **9:30 am – Aquatic Plants**

Meet at the Lakeside shelter to discover what plants make their homes in Kunkle Lake. Bring your bug spray and galoshes if you have them!

Join us on the pool lawn at the break for games, crafts, and creatures. Just make sure you have your hand stamped so you can easily re-enter the pool!

### **7:30 pm – Creature Feature: Snapping Turtles**

Join us for a stroll around the Lake as we talk turtles – snapping turtles that is! The hike will meet at the Boathouse. **HP-HP\***

## **Friday, July 21, 2006**

### **9:30 am – Flying Wonders**

Is it an insect or a bird? Why a bird of course. Join us at the Lakeside shelter to learn more about one of our smallest birds – the Hummingbird. Bring a 20 oz bottle with you to make a feeder after the talk.

### **9:30 pm – Hike the Night**

Leave your flashlight and flashing shoes at home – we won't need them tonight. Meet at the Boathouse with your bug spray, a jar, and a lid with holes in it. We'll wander around the lake in search nature's fireworks – the firefly. **HP-HP\***

## **Saturday, July 22, 2006**

### **9:30 am – Backyard Habitats**

Want to draw wildlife into your back yard? Come to the Campview Shelter to learn what you need to do to draw in birds, toads and other animals. Bring a small clay pot or a plastic milk jug with you to begin your backyard transformation.

### **5:00 – 7:00 pm – Outdoors Cooking**

We'll be cooking up a storm at the Trails End Shelter house. Come for new ideas; stick around for the taste tests!

**Sunday, July 23, 2006**

**8:00 am – Church Services**

Join us at the Campview Shelter to worship with a local minister in the beauty of nature.

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Schedule for July 26 – July 30:

**The Sun, the Moon, and The Stars in the Sky Week Begins**

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**Wednesday, July 26, 2006**

**9:30 am – Sun and Moon**

Discover how our sun and moon affect us here on earth. Meet at the Campview Shelter to learn a few amazing facts!

**5:30 pm – Afternoon Bison Hike**

Come see how the baby has grown and learn a few things about the Bison of Ouabache as we stroll around the wildlife exhibit. Meet at the Shelter by the pen.

**Thursday, July 27, 2006**

**9:30 am – The System**

The solar system that is. Join us at the Campview shelter to learn more about the other planets in the system Earth calls home.

**7:30 pm – Telescope Basics**

Meet at the Campview shelter to prepare for the Star Party Friday night. We'll talk about telescopes and how to use them.

**Friday, July 28, 2006**

**7:00 pm– Stars 101**

Get ready for the star party by learning about

the various types of stars we might see.

**9:30 pm – Star Party**

Put your star knowledge to the test. Join the Fort Wayne Astronomical Society in the field by the Pool

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at 3:45 pm

Join us on the pool lawn at the break for games, crafts, and creatures. Just make sure you have your hand

for a night of stargazing. Bring a blanket and bug spray for your own comfort.

### **Saturday, July 29, 2006**

#### **7:00 am – Early Bird Hike**

The early birder sees the bird. Meet at the Fire Tower for a hike in search of our feathered friends. Birders of all experience levels welcome. Please bring bug spray and binoculars and a field guide if you have them.

#### **8:30 pm – Campfire Story**

The Three Little Pigs tell one story. Come to Trails End shelter to hear the Wolf's side, and then make a craft to take home.

### **Sunday, July 30, 2006**

#### **8:00 am – Church Services**

Join us at the Campview Shelter for Sunday service in the beauty of nature.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

Mark your calendar for **Aug 5**, when Bill Houk will be leading us in a **Leave No Trace workshop**. An ideal event for anyone interested in learning how to minimize human impact in our State Parks and Reservoirs.